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H.B. No. 765

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to requiring political subdivisions to participate in the federal electronic verification of employment authorization program or E-verify.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subtitle C, Title 5, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Chapter 179 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 179. VERIFICATION OF EMPLOYEE INFORMATION

Sec. 179.001. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

(1) "E-verify program" has the meaning assigned by Section 673.001, Government Code.

(2) "Political subdivision" means a county, municipality, school district, junior college district, other special district, or other subdivision of state government.

Sec. 179.002. VERIFICATION. A political subdivision shall register and participate in the E-verify program to verify information of all new employees.

Sec. 179.003. STATE FUNDING PROHIBITED FOR FAILURE TO PARTICIPATE IN E-VERIFY. Beginning the September 1, 2018, state fiscal year, a political subdivision may not receive state funds if the political subdivision fails to register or participate in the E-verify program as required by Section 179.002. A political subdivision denied state funds under this section may receive state funds beginning the state fiscal year following the state fiscal

1 year in which the political subdivision fully complies with the
2 requirements of Section 179.002. The Governor's Office of Budget,
3 Planning, and Policy shall adopt rules to implement this section
4 uniformly among state agencies from which state funds are
5 distributed to a political subdivision.

6 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.